

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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A LESSON FROM GLUE

Young People

Serving the Lord

By A. Franklin Bowles
Scriptural Text: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor. 15:58."

Salutational Text: "Glue is just a thick, vile smelling substance, yet it has one admirable quality—it sticks."

One of the most powerful traits of our physical and internal being is emotional stability. It is desired by many, can be had by all but is acquired by a relatively small number. There are certain well defined principles to which we must conform if we would have that steadfastness of purpose and stability of emotions and fixed motives that make up our power in the realm of natural achievements. Whether these achievements are natural and physical or whether they are spiritual, the rules are the same. They are as infinite as the heavens in respect to their relentlessness. They are like the Gibraltar in their steadfastness; they change not. It is good, therefore, that we weigh carefully the theme: "A LESSON FROM GLUE." There is abundant brain food in the text: Glue is just a vile smelling liquid but it has one admirable quality—it sticks.

Not so very many years ago the writer was visiting a wood working factory, where divers kinds of wood work was in process of manufacture. Having visited every department of the factory, beginning with the cutting room and ending with the drafting room, where the patterns were made. It was just as I was preparing to leave the factory, that the idea for this writing was obtained. I noticed some workmen testing the surfaced results of mending with glue. These widened boards were glued together, and in some instances twelve inch boards were glued together on vertical and horizontal planes and formed in some instances boards of from three to five feet wide and as high as eight feet. That the test was to apply a given weight to them and note the strain. I noticed that they were very tough. I further noticed that these boards would break almost any where aside from the glued surface. I also noticed that several pieces of this woodwork was devoid of nails, containing nothing aside from the adhesiveness of the glue. That they were roughly handled and would not come apart. While watching the workmen fasten these various sized pieces of wood together with glue, I conceived the idea embodied in the text or salutation: "Glue is just a thick, vile smelling substance, yet it has one admirable quality—it sticks."

Now concerning the tithe of tithes. It was decided several years ago that it is absolutely necessary that there should be a fund established at Headquarters, because of there being many things for which money is needed in carrying on the business of the Great Church of God. It is sickening to a

Tithe of Tithes Further Explained

The Fund Provided at Headquarters

F. J. Lee

I wish to make a further explanation about tithe of tithes which are being sent to Headquarters.

We made a statement through the Evangel only a few months ago, but will make it again lest some did not understand or perhaps did not read it.

We have tried to act in harmony with the ruling of the Assembly, not only concerning the finance, but on every other line.

When I say "we" I mean the Executive Council. Some seem to think that the tithe of tithes are intended for the use of the ministry only. To this I will state that they are misinformed.

All seem to understand about the nine tenths left with the local church, that it is used to pay the pastor a reasonable support, (not the entire amount however if it should run over \$200.00) then if there is a surplus they may pay an evangelist but no where is the Church advised to use tithes to build church houses etc. These are directions as given in the minutes concerning the nine tenths of tithes.

After the pastor receives the tithes allotted to him by the church of which he is pastoring he may use them for what purpose he may choose, he may build a church house or help some other minister, this is left to his discretion.

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NEW TABERNACLE, HOME OF THE FLORIDA STATE CAMP MEETING, WIMAUMA, FLORIDA.

CHURCH EDIFIED—ADDED COURAGE

KIMBERLY, Ala.—We have just closed a two weeks meeting at this place which we feel has been a great blessing to the church.

Brother I. G. Roberts is an able speaker and did some good preaching. His wife was faithful in the singing and altar services.

We are glad to report several saved and sanctified and four received the Holy Ghost. Two of these were men and we feel that they will be a great help in the church work.

Brother Roberts preached the Word uncompromisingly. His sermons were real soul food.

The Church was edified and all seemed to take on new courage and zeal to do more for God and His cause.

The last Sunday morning service was especially enjoyed by all. The sweetness of God's love flooded our souls and all were made to realize their love one for the other. God's presence was so real we could feel the real drawing power of His great love drawing His people into oneness. I am not expecting to be here longer than the Assembly, but I trust that some good minister will take charge of the work soon after the Assembly. Any one desiring a meeting will do well to secure Brother Roberts and wife.—R. E. Hamilton, Pastor.

Determined-to

Go Through

PERRY, Fla.—I want to sound a note of praise to my heavenly Father this evening for what He has done for me.

He saved my soul from sin, sanctified me with the precious blood of the Lamb and baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost, and gave me a determination in my heart to go all the way through with Jesus.

I feel it my duty to write a few words for Jesus. Glory to His name. I thank Him because He has done so very much for me. He has healed me of fever twice and I do thank Him for it. I thank and praise Him because He gave my nine year old brother the Holy Ghost.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may be an overcomer and soul winner and that I may do more for Jesus each day.—Miss Lillian Gunter.

LORD GAVE VICTORY
LUCKIE, W. Va.—We have

KENNEDY ON FIRE FOR GOD

KENNEDY, Ala.—The first Sunday in August we had a two weeks revival at Kennedy church. Brother W. E. Raney, the pastor in charge, also other workers: Brother W. M. Newman and wife, Brother H. M. Taylor also Brother Leland Burroughs. The Word of God was preached in a wonderful way. The Lord blessed in every service. They gave out the Word with the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. Many tears were shed and prayers went up by the saints of God. Jesus heard and answered our prayers. Praise His dear name. Seven were saved, six received the Holy Ghost, quite a number baptized in water and added to the church. Kennedy church is progressing. We appreciate our pastor, Brother W. E. Raney. He has been faithful here this year. The Lord has blessed him in giving out the Word. We surely have had wonderful meetings this summer, the heavens would open up over us and Oh the shouts and praises of the saints would go up to God. People would hear us miles away. We have grove meetings and they surely have been a blessing to us. The number that have received the Holy Ghost this summer is ten. We have a band of about fifty members at this place and the church is on fire for God. We give God all the praise for these wonderful times and are expecting greater times.

I would like to inform you, whoever gets Brother Raney for a pastor will have a good one and you will be delighted with his good work.—Gertrude Newman.

just closed a meeting here. The Lord surely did bless, the devil fought, but the Lord heard our cries and gave the victory.

Six were saved, the Lord surely did bless us. The people wanted a Church of God set in order here, so I sent for Brother Cox and he came and set the Church in order. We are now having meeting four nights a week. We have a good Sunday school organized. Bless the name of the Lord. Pray for us here.—D. R. Byrd.

GOOD REPORT

STRAIGHT CREEK, Ky.—We have just closed a meeting in which 13 were saved, 6 were sanctified, 6 baptized with the Holy Ghost.—S. J. Mullins.

SUGGESTION

Whigham, Ga.
Sept. 19, 1926.

Mr. F. J. Lee.

Dear Brother:

I feel impressed to write you a few words and say, when I read Brother Brooks' advice given in the Evangel, asking both sides to lay down everything in the past and come together and be as of old, I said, surely this is the right thing to do. I had rather hear of this than anything I know of.

Brother Lee, it looks like if the Old Primitive Baptist could do that, as hard as they are, split as they did, grumbled and fought and talked about each other as they did, surely honest people can do the same thing that they did when they said good bye strife, we are going to lay you down and come together and be as one, as we used to be. Surely that was the right thing to do. So I say, Come on Church of God let's do the same thing and be one. When I read what Brother Brooks advised I said, Amen, that is the thing. I read on a little farther and found where Brother Lee and Brother Payne heartily agreed, then I said, Amen, surely this is the thing, the right thing. I told my wife when I read this, if both sides would lay down everything that is carnal and fight the good fight of faith, I would go to the Assembly if I had to walk and I am here in South Georgia. Brother Lee, do your part in this good move. I wish it could be the next thing done. The world would have to get up something else to talk about. I know if both sides will come together and confess, forgive and repent as the Bible says for us to do, this trouble can be stopped. The blood will cover this strife. I have just closed a letter to Brother A. J. Tomlinson asking him to repent and forgive and both sides to come together and be as of old. I know this will be the right thing to do. I looked at the Personal Message, given in the Evangel as being the best thing that has come out yet, so I truly hope this will meet with the approval of everyone on both sides and the coming together will be the next thing done. So I will stop here trusting that the blood will cover all strife and hard sayings and all faultfindings and criticizing, self righteousness and all flee to the Bible for a Bible operation of blood and a long, long vaccination against all of the devil's junk house and be filled with love one toward the other.

Brother Lee, I would be glad if you would put this in the Evangel if you feel led. I would like for everybody to know how I feel about this thing, so I will stop here. With love to all who will do the right thing, I remain

Your friend and brother,

S. B. Gainous.

Why Not Read Novels?

Carl M. Padgett

First: Because it is a waste of time. I have heard of girls who would play sick to keep away from work so they could finish a novel. A girl will let her mother cook, wash the dishes, sweep the floor and do all the work in general while she hides in her room and weeps over some love story.

Second: It is degrading to the morals. Perhaps it is an exciting, jealous story, a thrilling murder case or a passionate love story. The reader is carried away with the vivid unrealities, and the picture of unclean acts is photographed on the character.

Third: It is a written falsehood and the Bible tells us that Satan is the father of lies. Shall we feed our souls on the wind, chaff, straw or unrealities? Shall we live on a lie? As a saved by air castles of fiction. Jesus said all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.

Fourth: It is spending your time with bad company and you delight in it. Here you associate with the immoral, the profane, liars and murderers. You would not think of going with this kind of company in reality, but in private, in thought that is your company and water never rises above its level, so show me what kind of company you keep and I will show you what you are. Your subconscious man is fed by the spirit of the writer of the book.

Fifth: Like begets like. Wicked company begets wicked company. Many a boy has broken open a house, robbed a bank, gone to the chain gang and to the gallows because of the influence of ten cent novels. We are influenced by the things we see and hear. The picture of the deeds of another, especially when it is delighted in, is planted in the memory, sinks into the subconsciousness, lays hold of the nervous system and becomes a part of the man.

Sixth: It destroys the love for Holy reading. Literature which is elevating is neglected. The Bible is left untouched, or if read at all is soon readily laid aside to continue or finish the story.

Seventh: The mind is a receptacle of good or bad and to the unsanctified is a servant of the flesh. Some have said parrots learn evil words much quicker than good words. When foreigners come to this country they learn to swear in American style the first thing. A child will learn evil very quickly, therefore we say the fleshly mind will absorb the bad much more readily than the good and in fact it will leave the good and take the bad. Then be sure your soul will be tainted of the same kind of spirit found in the book you delight in.

Eighth: They are not educating only in sin. We are not overlooking the broad field of

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Our readers will be delighted to learn that a series of articles will appear in the Evangel from the pen of Dr. A. Franklin Bowles, one of which appears in this issue, A LESSON FROM GLUE, the next will be MAN AND BEAST.

We are pleased to announce to those coming to the Assembly that we are advised by our friend and brother, Otis McCoy, of the coming of the Vaughn Quartette which will be in attendance for several days and will no doubt occupy the stage frequently during their stay. The management desires to extend to them a very hearty welcome to this holy convocation. The information reached us too late to be arranged in the program, but their services will be highly appreciated by all concerned, just the same.

THE VICTORY IS OURS

We have just closed a meeting at Elkins, West Virginia which lasted a little longer than three months, but thank God victory is ours. I started preaching in the city park at Elkins and the people soon began to come by the hundreds, and I think before I had been in the park very long they were coming by the thousands, and many people were praying through to victory. Souls were surely stirred up to the fact that holiness was right. Of course, while we were having great victory the devil was fighting also, but if God be for us who can be against us?

While I was running this meeting in the park, people would come in such large crowds until it almost had the shows and pool rooms broken up and I was making it so hard on the devil and some of the professing Christians until it wasn't long until I got a notice from the mayor giving me a certain amount of time in which to hold service in the park and then I must stop. Of course I went ahead until the time run out which he mentioned, then I went to a private home and preached from a porch a while. Great crowds followed and we continued at the private house a while and then we moved to a great large, round barn and continued a while and God was still blessing. After this we moved back to the city to a large, square barn. We had electric lights put in, an electric fan, also an organ and God still blessed. By this time the devil was howling, but many were being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost until a great lot of people began to see that we had something that

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We are sending to each of the Church clerks some advertising matter for the Assembly, you will please distribute these. Also we are sending some cards to be tacked up in public places.

We insist that every member become an agent to boost the Assembly. We are expecting a large attendance, but every one must put his shoulder to the wheel to make it a success.

Can we depend on you? We thank you in advance for your co-operation in this.

Yours, F. J. Lee.

The Church of God at Zellwood, Florida wants to know the address of Brother W. F. Armstrong for special business. If any one knows, please write H. F. Harris, Clerk.

The Church of God at Spring Place, Georgia would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Emma Teems, Oneida Shriner, Annette Shriner, Ethel Stanfield, Katie Keister Clerk.

The Church of God at Kannapolis, North Carolina would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual conditions of the following persons: Mrs. M. M. Moore, Mrs. C. F. Stewart, Essie Overcash, Vida Christy, L. Caterina and W. W. Powell. Any one knowing anything about these, please write (Miss) Della Swift, Clerk, 1104 Elm St., Kannapolis, N. C.

REQUESTS

Mrs. Tom Hunt, Nola, Miss., requests prayer for her husband who has stomach trouble also that she may receive the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. M. D. Farmer, Surrency, Georgia, requests prayer that she may be healed of gall trouble also that she may receive the Holy Ghost. She says she has tried doctors and medicine, but realized the only chance is from higher power.

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they did not, so we kept right on in the battle until God opened up the way for us to buy a church, for which we are paying \$3,000.00. During this revival there were more than a hundred reclaimed and a great host sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. If no mistake, I think I baptized one hundred and sixteen and the people were surely feasting during this time. Brother B. F. Drummond, from Parkersburg came and helped in the meeting at different times during this revival. On Sunday night, September 12 the Church was set in order. I believe there were 87 who came into the Church, they came from Baptist churches, Methodist churches and Salvation Army people, with more to come later. We observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing.—G. W. Hickman, pastor.

**A LESSON
FROM GLUE**

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very great extent, but back of all this is that admirable quality, that commands itself to all—steadfastness—a **STICKS**. And, as I looked upon this vile smelling and repulsive liquid, I thought: Is there not a great truth contained in this **GLUE**—applicable to the man and woman, boy and girl to day? Is there not a lesson in these truths for the spiritual aspirant of today? The answer comes to me with great force: "A Lesson From Glue—It Sticks." It was to a great extent likened unto the first phrase from the scriptural text: "Be ye steadfast, unmoveable." What a great milestone to Christian progress, that would be, if those men and women, professing this simple child-like faith, could and would analyze those three words and ascertain their meaning in their entirety, making them in a measure a secondary part of their being. We would not, to any great extent, be cumbered with a vast throng of people who are nothing more than hypocrites, and backsliders. They are modern Sadducees, in a great sense, for a Sadducee is an unbeliever. Though a vast throng are modern Pharisees or self-righteous hypocrites. What a great milestone of Christian progress it would be, should the men and women who profess to be the children of God, analyze the three words, **STICKS**, **STEADFAST** and **UNMOVABLE** and allow that analysis to contribute at least a measure of stability to their spiritual lives.

The several principles referred to above, are applicable with equal force to both realms of being: Physical and Spiritual. It is the applicability to our **SPIRITUAL LIFE** that we are most concerned. Paul says in the Epistle to the Hebrews, twelve and one, "Let us lay aside the weight etc., that so easily besets us etc." The race for spiritual **PERFECTION** is a mighty hard race and requires an exceeding forceful effort to win a lasting place in the universe of the sainted. Paul, that great and good man of God, undoubtedly had in mind our instability of purpose when those words were penned. The writer has that in mind in preparing this copy for the press. Patience, my beloved, is a God given **VIRTUE**. Enumerating those principles, necessary to a place, physical or spiritual, we would only have to consider: 1. Ambitions, 2. Aspirations, 3. Inspirations, and 4. Perspiration. In the light of consecrated reasoning, let us ascertain just what these principles have to offer us. Let us consider them from several angles.

1. **AMBITION**: This is the worthy eagerness, desire, earnest and energetic wish to accomplish something worth while. Every person born, under the sun, regardless of their color and racial handicaps, have within their breast an ambition to do something really worth while in the universe of good. They dream of the day when they shall achieve fame in some particular field. This ambition manifests itself in many ways, especially with respect to its **REALIZATION**. Some will desire to become

great surgeons and physicians. **TIONS** we obtained as we pursued the fleet realization on its course. But, this great percentage of **ENERGY** expanded in the effort to win, is **PERSPIRATION**. Perspiration is an absolute necessity in the battles of life. Look at that great **SAVIOUR** of mankind in the **GARDEN** of **GETHSEMANE**. You can probably imagine those great beads of perspiration that stood out upon his forehead. You can imagine them mingled with blood, just as the Scripture expounds it. Then, it will not be hard for you to imagine the **Stability**, **Steadfastness**, **Unmoveability** and **Stickability** required to realize an ambition in life. This and more is required for the conscientious **CHRISTIAN** who aspires to **PERFECTION** in this life. Let us then, learn from that vile smelling glue, the great lesson it offers and let us stick to our **CHURCH**, to our **BRETHREN** **SAINTS** and **ASPIRE** to do the **WILL** of **GOD** in all things and at all **TIMES**. We will then be able to see **HIM** when **HE** comes.

points enjoying the happy privilege of meeting a number of the dear saints there.

Our first stop was in Jacksonville with the Church there, of which D. Tidwell is pastor. I was very royally entertained there and enjoyed the blessings of the Lord and fellowship of His saints in a very blessed manner. The next stop was at West Palm Beach to arrange for an outgoing missionary. From there we went to the great metropolis, Miami, where we enjoyed the pleasant association and fellowship of the saints at the Miami Church, of which E. L. Simmons is pastor, also the **COCOANUT GROVE** or **SILVER BLUFF** Church, of which W. R. Whidden was pastor, later succeeded by H. B. Simmons. The writer among other services conducted a dedication service at **COCOANUT GROVE** in which the Lord blessed in a marvelous way. I was very royally entertained in the home of Brother Andrew C. Jensen and others.

While planning my trip across the State Brother Andrew C. Jensen Jr. very kindly offered, not only his own service and much appreciated company, but also his new **Hudson Six** for the trip. We left Miami about 9:00 a. m. one day and reached Lakeland in time for service that night, where we found a very successful revival in progress, conducted by Evangelist I. H. Marks. From there we visited **WIMMELA**, **BRADENTON**, **MANATEE** and then returned to Tampa for the following Sunday, where we enjoyed the sweet fellowship of the many saints and got a comprehensive glimpse of a very prosperous church, of which E. W. Williams is pastor. We took luncheon on Sunday with Brother George Smith and wife where the photograph was taken as shown in these columns, left, George Smith, center, the writer, right, Andrew C. Jensen Jr. In the background will be found the **Hudson Six** which touched the high places to and from Miami.

On our return to Miami, business arrangements were made with our Brothers F. M., M. T. and W. R. Whidden, for financial aid in the taking over of the **Cates Block** in this city.

The next trip was to Detroit, Michigan to fulfill a promise of long standing with our Brother M. P. Cross, the pastor there. The special service arranged for was the dedication of their new church building recently erected. They have a number of true, humble saints there, our hearts became knit together until it was hard to break away when the time came to leave. They love their pastor and his family, which is continually demonstrated by their many deeds of kindness. Very pleasant memories will linger of the trip to that great City of opportunities.

Many other points of interest have been touched during the year, some of which were: the State Convention at **LOGAN**, **WEST VIRGINIA**, another at **CLEVELAND**, **MISSISSIPPI** along with many other short trips out of the City. Along with our other special duties it has been a year crowded with toil, most of which has been indeed very pleasant.



Left to right, George Smith, J. S. Llewellyn, Andrew C. Jensen Jr.

ASSEMBLY YEAR

J. S. Llewellyn

The Assembly year is fast coming to a close. Soon the great Annual Assembly of the Churches of God will convene in this City, thus closing another year's labor for a great number of our ministers and workers. This has been a year of hardships along with joy and rejoicing. It has been a year of battle and of victories. It has been a year crowded with many duties. It has been a year of burden almost too heavy to bear. Had it not been for He who said "My yoke is easy and my burdens light" we could not have gone through, for it is He who makes it so.

Many of us no doubt could have filled our position and discharged our duties much better had it not been for us being forced to give much time and attention to other matters of general interest to the Church that really were outside of our official duties, but made necessary on account of the critical situation that we have been confronting, nevertheless we humbly submit, without further apology other than to say for all the blunders, mistakes and short comings we credit that to our inability to do better, for all of our successes and victories we give God all the glory.

In addition to matters above referred to the writer made one trip to Florida during the year, visited a number of important

REPORTS

Ohio State Convention

The Ohio State Convention of the Churches of God was held at Middletown, Ohio July 7, 1926 with Brother E. Haynes, State Overseer presiding. Brother Goins preached the opening sermon in a way that proved an inspiration to all who were present.

Thursday morning when the writer arrived the preachers and visitors were coming in from all parts of the state and every one wearing the smile of victory.

The reports show a gain of one hundred and ninety-eight members since last September with

five new churches which is far below what we hoped for to see, but we believe we are sure of five others before the General Assembly. While God has blessed in many ways and has given victory in many parts of the state, the devil has been on the job. He has hindered in many ways, but the worst is that some of the preachers have been led away only to be deceived. Ah when will people wake up and take their stand for God and His Church? When will people learn there is no other way?

We see one bishop and his church turned aside to some other branch of Pentecost. Evangelists have turned to something of their own. We remember the flesh, we did eat in Egypt freely the cucumber and the onions and garlick. Num. 11:5. Instead of feasting on the good manna that came from the bountiful hand of our God. They filled themselves on the onions and garlick until their soul is dried away.

We thank God for people who have anchored in Jesus. For he looks for a city which hath a foundation whose builder and maker is God. Heb. 11:10. Look up, lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh.

We feel that Ohio has had a good year, we see the church slowly but surely coming to the front. People are looking this way, they are asking questions concerning the Church of God, showing that they are interested, so let us pray and work for a great harvest in Ohio. Ohio is one of the richest states in the union, but men have made it so by the hand of God blessing them. What men have done in a commercial way, we can do in a spiritual way.

At this convention the writer had nothing to do much, but watch and pray, so it was wonderful to just sit and watch the peace and harmony that existed, the love of God flowing from heart to heart. We also saw a good bunch of preachers who love to work for God and help each other.

Our General Overseer, Brother F. J. Lee did most of the preaching and useless to say, as every one knows his messages were fine and to the point. They were filled of truth and sent to the heart of the listeners with power and I think we all came home feeling more encouraged and with a greater determination to do good than ever. Then, we saw Sister Hagwood and four orphan children from the orphan's home. She gave an interesting talk on the Orphanage work and the children showed themselves being brought up in the way they should go. The people gave freely to the orphanage work. May God bless Sister Hagwood in her efforts and may the Lord touch the hearts of people and make them give

freely until every need has been supplied and more children can be taken care of.

May God bless our state overseer and his wife, supply their every need, give them good health, encourage their hearts, make them abundantly able to lead this great state on many more years to come.—J. B. Simons, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Praise God for Victory

JAMAICA, B. W. I.—We had a baptismal service on the 27th of June performed by T. A. Sears. Praise God for victory just now.

We stand for the defense of His church and we count it a privilege to be under this banner which the gates of hell shall not prevail against her (the Church). A great number of people attended to see the performance. All went on well. At the night service we had feet washing and observed the Lord's Supper, after which an altar call was given and many fell in the altar. Freewill offerings were offered of lands from different parties for the building of church houses. Pray for we people on the islands that we may stand true.—L. N. Richardson, Clerk.

The Lord Will Provide

LINDEN, Fla.—I want to praise the dear Lord for healing our baby a few days ago, which was very sick, according to James 5:14, also for the way He is blessing the work here, will say we are standing four square for the Church of God and its teaching. I believe I can speak for the entire membership here and say truthfully with St. Paul that "None of these things shall move me."

I want to speak highly of the good spirit and co-operation and faithfulness of the Church here on last night after a good live prayer meeting I was asked to leave the parsonage doors open when suddenly the room was filled with bright faces each bringing packages of different kinds until the dining table was well loaded with a supply of groceries, when each one had bade us good-night we humbled ourselves before God to thank Him for supplying our needs and permitting us to cast our lot among such generous people. To God be all the glory.—J. T. Watson, District Pastor.

GOOD REVIVAL AT RIPLEY

RIPLEY Tenn.—I want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel this morning as the Lord has been so good to us. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost right now and on my run for the glory land and have no desire to go back in sin. I have been in this way for about five years and the way gets brighter each day.

We have just closed a two weeks meeting here, three miles east of Ripley. This is a new field, but the people are hungry for the truth. There were 13 saved, 4 sanctified, one received the Holy Ghost and one reclaimed. Sister Mollie Arnold of Memphis, Tennessee did the most of the preaching. Brother Lester Beasley assisted. The people surely are stirred because the Word was given out by the power of the Holy Ghost. There were several healed. Any one wishing to have a revival will do well to get Sister Arnold as she is on the job.—Frank Jernigan, Route 1.

WHY NOT READ NOVELS?

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novel writers, or as we might say, writers of fiction. There may be a few exceptions; we have before us the classics, some novels were written with the idea of elevating the character and in a way have an influence for moral good, for instance, "Titus, a comrade of the cross." At first sight seemed to inspire to a deeper love for the Bible, but after all shall we build our hopes on a lie? Isn't the Holy Ghost the one which inspires a love for God's Word?

Ninth: We speak of the mass of fiction indulged in by the carnal eye. They are as vomit to the healthy soul. Writers whose hearts are sick with sin vomit these thoughts up and shall we lay aside the Bread of Life to swallow down that which the healthy souls refuse. How many lay awake at nights to think over these unclean pages.

Tenth: Children like to grow, they glory in strength, manly deeds, tales of adventure will carry them away with delight. They will cut out sticks to imitate a sword and fight their bloody battles. All because of what they have seen on a picture or read in a book. There is nothing said but what they hear it, nothing takes place but what they see it. They will reproduce everything, real or imaginary in play. It is their physical culture, or training for life. But you say these fanciful deeds of adventure etc. will be dropped as they begin to live more in the real problems of life. Perhaps so to a large extent, but not altogether; the spirit of those fancies will follow them more or less into real life. I would rather see a little girl play at making mud pies than acting like a half nude on the stage, or little buddy pull out a box for a pulpit and have his little sister kneeling at the mercy seat than see him in fancy stab his little neighbor with a wooden dagger.

The spirit of these things will follow them in after days. Mothers, can you placidly sit by and look at your little son enjoy a mock fight and not tremble for his safety?

Eleventh: It is setting a bad example for older heads to read novels. Yes, you say, "I read them, but if I caught one of the youngsters reading them what I would do for them would be a plenty." Then why don't you set a good example? They are following in your footsteps. If you read them, but refuse to let Johnnie or Susie read them then you are training up your children to be hypocrites, for they are going to read them anyway. There are plenty of places where they will slip the books and pull them out when you are not looking.

Twelfth: It is a waste of money. The prophet said, therefore spend your money for that which is not bread? If all the money spent in useless literature was put to educational purposes, educating humanity for beneficial purposes, to meet the demands of life, both spiritual and temporal, I am sure the jails would be less needed, health advanced and happiness more general. But the law of demand finds the source of supply. Saul when he desires can find his witch of Endor, the gambler can find his accomplice and the guzzler can find his battle and the desire for hasty reading has procured the demand.

Thirteenth: The love for novels takes away the love for church and prayer meeting. They had rather read them than

OBITUARIES

FRADY

Mr. H. B. Frady of Berryton, Ga. past away September 3, was 44 years of age and leaves to mourn his loss a wife and three children and a host of friends and other relatives. Everything was done that loving hands could do but the Lord seemed to know best. He was not a member of any church, but said if he ever joined any church it would be the Church of God. His request was that Brother Russell Lee or Sister Mattie Buckalew conduct his funeral, but since Brother Lee was sick and could not be there the sermon was preached by Sister Buckalew and his remains laid to rest in the Berryton cemetery to await the resurrection morning.—Written by one who loved him.

JESTER

As it has pleased the Almighty God in His all wise providence He saw fit to take our dear brother, Peter Jester, out of our midst and from his suffering. We know that he has gone to a land where there is no suffering, pain, death nor sorrow. Like the dear old Apostle Paul, he kept the faith and fought a good fight, henceforth there is a crown laid up in heaven.

Brother Jester was loved by all. Oh, how we will miss him here, but if we are all faithful we will meet him in the morning bright and fair and all will be joy. Will it not be a glorious meeting that will never cease.

We will meet you in the morning On that grand eternal day. We will meet you in that morning. Where all tears are wiped away.

Close beside the Crystal River, Where no pain, but perfect rest, And farewells are never spoken

In that city of the blest.

There the sunbeams, pure and tender, Oft' are veiled by sorrow's night; But the storms will soon be over, We will see the Harbor Light.

Over there we'll cast the anchor. Safe at home forevermore;

Where no farewells are never spoken, On that happy golden shore.

Samuel Pardue, 617 West 8th St., Wilmington, Del.

BARNETT

Brother E. M. Barnett of Riviera, Florida was born Dec. 24, 1859 in Brooks County, Georgia and was called away to be with Jesus Aug. 16, 1926. He was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost about seventeen years ago and was ordained as bishop in the Church of God Oct. 12, 1909 at Arcadia, Florida. He was one of the first to come in the Church when it was first set in order and was

go to prayer meeting. I wonder my dear reader if you have

permitted these books to keep you away from the house of worship. In the place of the Bible you take "Argosy", in the place of the Sunday School lesson you take, "True Story" and when you are confined to a bed of sickness "Munsey" is your companion.

Fourteenth: They make the Spirit cold and prayer a mockery. They dull the mind, the heart is taken off of useful activity, all the thoughts are on the hero or heroine of the story. They make one crabbed, irritable and impatient. They undermine the health, destroy memory and prayer if any, becomes cold and formal.

Fifteenth: If as much time was spent in diligent study for that which is good and devoting as is spent in reading novels we would be in a world of intellectual giants, usefulness would spread its wings over the land as a hen covers her young and the saints would be walking Bibles.

What if we were to have a house cleaning time, suppose we go over our premises and cult out all literature that would not sanctify the heart and banish it to the flames I believe we would feel better, our spirit would feel cleaner; our homes perhaps would have more of a sacredness about them.

"And many that believed came and confessed and shewed their deeds."

faithful until death.

He was sick a long time and would often say that he was ready to go and in his last hours when we could not understand but very little he said, he would be praising God. He told the saints to sing, "I'm In the Glory Land Way" at his funeral. He would often say he wanted to go and be with Jesus.

The funeral was conducted by Brother Miller Vaughn and the body laid to rest in the West Palm Beach Cemetery to await the coming of our Lord. We weep not as those who have no hope, for we expect to see him again in the glory world where we will have no more sorrow, no more sickness, but all will be glory.—Mrs. R. E. Drymon, Lake Worth, Fla.

LAWSON

On Saturday, May 1, 1926 at 6:30 p.m. the death angel called Brother Marsh Lawson to which he gladly responded. Brother Lawson was born in Wayne county, West Virginia May 9, 1869 and at his death was 57 years of age.

In 1890 he was united in marriage to Sarah Clark. To this union was born 12 children, four having preceded him to the great beyond.

Brother Lawson was converted in a revival service in the Methodist church at Chatroy about ten years ago, after which he lived for the Lord and in the year 1925 he was united with the Church of God at this place of which he was still a member at his death. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, 8 children, 2 sisters, 1 brother and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral service was conducted by the writer and the remains laid to rest in the Farley cemetery to await the great resurrection morning.

His pastor who loved him.—C. W. Florence, Box 114, Delbarton, W. Va.

STOCKS

On April 29, 1926 Brother Guile Stocks departed this life and went to the place he had been laboring to win. He was conscious to the very last and said, "all is well." When Dr. Nelson told him he had to die it didn't excite him. He only said he would like to see his wife and babies before he died, but did not get to. He was killed in the mines and the superintendent, Mr. Coverhouse expressed his sorrow and had many good things to say about Brother Stocks. He accepted the Lord almost two years ago and was a member of the Church of God at Empire, Alabama. He leaves a wife, three children and one brother also other relatives and many friends to mourn his departure. Remains

SPECIAL NOTICE

To All Who Expect to Attend the Assembly.

We find that we are going to have the largest crowd this time that we have ever had.

We are in need of quilts and blankets and request that all of our friends who are coming bring with them quilts or blankets. Those who cannot come if they will ship us quilts or blankets, marked or stamped so that we can tell whose they are we will pay postage and see that they are returned. We would advise as many as can to bring with them bedding and camping tents.

Respectfully,

S. W. Latimer,

Chairman of Entertainment Committee.

Good For The Old As Well As The Young.

CROCKETT, Tex.—Sister French came and held a meeting in which I received the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Ten were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost in the meeting.

We stayed at the tabernacle a 11 night for two nights I was at the last one that received the Holy Ghost. I got it Saturday night and was baptized Sunday. Brother Land set the church in order Sunday with fourteen members. The Lord blessed in the meeting the first night. One received the Holy Ghost.

My grandfather who is seventy-two years of age went to the altar and when he got sanctified, sprang to his feet and danced like a young person. We have a new tabernacle three miles from Crockett on the highway which is a fine location. (Miss) Clairette Moore.

were laid to rest in the New Canaan cemetery to await the resurrection morning.—Z. D. Simpson.

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